(ख) सरकार द्वारा इन जिलों में साक्षरता का स्तर बढ़ाए जाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में शिक्षा और संस्कृति उपमंत्री (कु. सैलजा) : (क) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार गुजरात की औसत साक्षरता दर 61.29 प्रतिशत है । गुजरात के जामनगर, सुरेन्द्रनगर, भावनगर, अमरेली, जूनागढ़, कच्छ, बानस-कांथा, साबरकांथा पंचमहल और डंग जिलों में साक्षरता स्तर इस औसत से कम है ।

(ख) इन जिलों में सभी प्राथमिक स्कूलों को "आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड" योजना के अन्तर्गत शामिल किया गया है । 15 से 35 आयु वर्ग के निरक्षरों को कार्यात्मक साक्षरता प्रदान करने के लिए इन सभी जिलों को सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियानों के अन्तर्गत भी शामिल किया गया है । भावनगर जिला में सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान पहले ही समाप्त हो गया है और एक उत्तर साक्षरता अभियान शुरू किया गया है ।

Technical Bditeati in Kendriya Vidyalaya

7192. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide 'technical education in the Kendriya Vidyaayas of the ountry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; end

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND • DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SEL-JA). (a) to (c) No, Sir. Kendriya Vidyalayas provide general school education including some vocational subject. Engineering and other technical subjects are generally taught in hjher educational institutions.

Operation Black Board in Punjab

7193. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Operation Black Board Scheme has been fully imp lemented in the country particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise/Dj strict-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that State Governments did not utilise the central assistance provided for the purpose;

(d) if so, whether prescribed facilities in all the primary schools in the country have been provided; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government ,to' impiement this centrally sponsored scheme in the country to realise the objective set out in the National Policy on Education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OIF EDUCATION AND , DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SEL-JA): (a) 99.9 per cent of the schools have been covered in the country while all the 12925 (100 per cent) schools have been covered in Punjab.

(b) State-wise coverage of schools is given the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d) Against Rs. 1032.66 crores released till 31st March, 1994 under the scheme for proourement of teaching learning 'equipment and appointment of additional tea chers in Single teacher schools, a sum of Rs. 816.52 crores (79.07 per cent) have been utilised by the State Government/UT Administrations.